



# Faith Baptist

Sunday August 11, 2025

*"Where JESUS will always be our first love"*



## Pastor's Corner

Do you ever find yourself at a crossroads? Those moments when you want to say yes to God but are afraid of what might be required by God? Sometimes we find ourselves at a big decision crossroad point. Do I say yes to following this God-sized dream that causes me to lay awake at night? Sometimes it's the everyday decisions on a mundane Monday where we also want to say yes to God but fear how that yes will play out. Our yes to God will be getting us out of our comfort zone. Fear can stop us from wanting to say yes to God. Two things to look at, My Fear Stops Me or My Faith Takes a Step. How do we place our yes on the table before God and move from fear stops to faith steps? How would you answer this question? I want to say yes to God, but I am afraid of \_\_\_\_\_? Afraid of rejection. Afraid of failure. Fearful of not hearing God right. Afraid that God will not provide. Afraid of disappointment. We need to remember Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." Five things to try: 1. Recognize our fear stops. Honestly assess what is stopping you. 2. Release our fears. Pray and hand over your fear to God and leave it with Him, don't take it back. 3. Remember what God has done in the past. Study how God have removed fear from all our Bible heroes and even people you know. 4. Risk. Take the step of faith that God has been waiting on you to take. You don't need to know how it's going to turn out just trust God, because He already does. Lastly, 5. Rejoice. Rejoice in the fact that you found out that God is Who He said He is and that He does exactly what He said He would do. Take the next step of our faith by taking a step of faith. Love Bro. Brian

## EVANGELISM/Missions Team

### **Bob White, Missions Leader**

I was greatly encouraged with the number of volunteers for the "Backpack Brigade" and the testimonies of Matt and Zara Collins last Sunday night. GOD can use the average lay person for His glory in serving somewhere, whether it is here, next door, in our community, or around the world. The key is surrendering to His direction and call. May each of us hear with spiritual ears and see with spiritual eyes as we move forward for His glory. Nancy and I are serving in Athens, Greece this week, but looking forward to sharing opportunities when we return. Until the last one has heard, let us keep striving together for the faith of the gospel.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH REFLECTION:

### **Sandy and David, Event Coordinators**

On Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, Faith Baptist Church Backpack Bash was more than just an outreach to children and families in need, it was an opening for the Holy Spirit to move beyond our walls and into the lives of these families. Around 85 children including family members and guardians participated this year. Pastor Brian presented The Gospel beautifully through visual symbols of Christ's gift of salvation. Afterwards, the children received backpacks and supplies that are needed in the coming school year. There was fun, prizes, and most importantly, God's love was everywhere!

We want to thank everyone who gave their time to prepare the supplies, set up and serve the day of the event. It was a symphony of joyful servants working together.

For those who opened their wallets and so generously gave money to provide the supplies, thank you so much. Your donations were such a blessing to making this event successful. We are humbled at your willingness to give freely of your treasures.

In a final note we would like to share some feedback from Mrs. Harris, the school Principal. Mrs. Harris, shared that the new vice principle was so overwhelmed she was in tears, touched by the outpouring of love and generosity of our church family. It is a reminder to us all that God has tasked us to share The Gospel, and use these types of opportunities to show His Love as we minister to others.

## SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:1-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance [b] incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## CHOIR

*Missy Jones, Choir Director*

Please contact Missy if you would like to be apart of the choir. Practice is each Sunday evening at 5:00PM.

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Prayer is such an important part of our Armor of God and our relationship with Christ. **If you are submitting a prayer request for a friend, please seek their permission first.** We would like to respect the privacy of those listed.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Judy Hampton - Eyes - Glaucoma  
Zana Renak - Pray for God's healing, mercy, strength, and peace  
John Buck - Cancer treatments  
Pat Jenkins  
Tracie Chinaris  
Sally Wagner  
Patti Gloade

### TRAVEL MERCIES & PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS

John and Fran Kashshy  
Beverly Schlundt  
Bob and Nancy White  
Fritz Wagner & Jeanne Miller  
Gail Swindle

Pastor Brian -Missy's mother, Hope, has a procedure on Friday to remove the fluid from around her lungs.

Debi Rowell -not feeling well, has a sore throat.

Debi Rowell - prayer for her friend Jane's nephew, Corey Carpenter, is catholic. She is sending him information and trying to bring him into the true light.

Kem Collins - prayer for Carolyn Wheeler, will be having a procedure on next Thursday due to an aneurysm.

Kem Collins - prayer for Matthew Collins for wisdom and guidance. Since returning home from his mission trip, he has received two letters asking him to take leadership positions within the school and his local church. He is asking that, as he accepts these positions, he will walk closely with the Lord, being led and strengthened by Him.

Nancy Malta - friend Jeff. He is starting radiation & chemotherapy for esophageal cancer.

Katherine Knight - will undergo arthroscopic surgery on her knee on

Patti Gloade -.pray for a special unspoken need

Lee George - will be having hip replacement surgery on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at Parish.

Ray Thorpe - pray fo Shannon Brock. Shannon is a brother of Ray's brother's wife. He had a heart attack Monday. They did a heart cath yesterday. His arteries are 80-90% blocked. If his other test results come back ok he will have quadruple bypass surgery Fri morning at 6 am. Stents were not an option. Please pray for Shannon, the surgical/medical staff and his family. She has another brother, Bobby, who has terminal cancer.

### Praise Reports

Grover Bowling - praise report, his friend Pete Breeden showed up at the bowling alley today. He is still in a wheelchair part-time due to his back issues, but can now walk 30 feet without giving out. He still has pain, but it seems to be a nerve problem. Praise Jesus and continued prayer.

Alice McClellen - offered a praise report for her nephew, William, who has PTSD, just finished his 1st year, and got his white coat. He is a PA now and has one more year.

### Unspoken

Pray for the upcoming Budget and Building Restructuring.

*Happy Anniversary*  
*Bill & Marilyn Cheek August 22*

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